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## Dutch police search for sarin nerve gas, four arrests

THE HAGUE (AFP) - Dutch police and chemical weapons experts searched for a suspected stockpile of deadly sarin gas outside the popular tourist city of Maastricht yesterday, with four people arrested, an official said.

Police cordoned off an area on Saturday in a forest just outside the southern city but found nothing, public prosecutor spokeswoman Cindy Rijnders told AFP.

"We received information that there was possibly a deal involving sarin gas," she said.

Police received a tip-off on Wednesday and arrested a

Dutch man and woman on Saturday night at the scene when they allegedly started digging for the hidden deadly nerve gas. Two other people, also Dutch nationals, were arrested in the nearby town of Heerlen, Rijnders said.

One of those arrested is a dual Turkish-Dutch national, she said.

The four, aged between 21 and 52, would appear before a local judge today, facing charges of dealing or concealing a dangerous substance.

Maastricht mayor Onno Hoes said there was no danger to public safety.

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## Europe Meets the Americas: Creating opportunities for Aruban entrepreneurs

On Tuesday, March 26, Aruba's Minister of Economic & Social Affairs and Culture, Michelle Hooyboer-Winklaar, welcomed a large audience of island business people and economic advisors for an introduction to the upcoming Europe Meets the Americas Conference, to be held at the Westin Resort in Palm Beach from May 5 through May 8, 2012.

The Europe Meets the Americas presentation was part of a general topic of "Gateway Aruba," the establishment of the island as a hub for business and export between the European Union and Caribbean nations, as well as Latin America.



Carlos Maduro

It is believed by island administrators that Aruba's unique culture and nature, with "one foot firmly in Europe and the other in Caribbean and Latin culture and mindsets," will create opportunities for island entrepreneurs to find financial opportunities by becoming liaisons and facilitating commerce between the two areas. Aruba's Freezone is already very much engaged in such enterprises.

Carlos Maduro of Office Systems, and Michael-Lee van Romondt of Deloitte were also speakers for the evening. Mr. Maduro as a successful example of "thinking outside the



box," to manufacture quality office furniture under the highly-respected Dolphin brand, and Mr. van Romondt to comment on what sort of legal steps are necessary to facilitate the realization of what could become an important pillar of the island's economy. As the Minister noted, exploring such opportunities to diversify the Aruban economy, making it less dependent on tourism, is a key element in the vision of her party and the current administration.

The purpose of the Minister's presentation was to "place the upcoming conference into context" and provide island entrepreneurs an understanding of the benefits offered them by

participation, which is considered essential to its success.

Part of the program includes each participating company being matched to potential partners in one-on-one sessions, to explore and develop concrete business opportunities. The idea is to bring Aruba into the global market, so businesses to not only profit from the local population. Office Systems has received an exclusive contract from Dolphin to be their manufacturers and distributors for the region. This is an example of creating business opportunities, which financial establishments had considered untenable previously.

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## Aruba Without the Refinery "Planning Creates Opportunities" - integrating San Nicolas into Aruba's economic future

On Tuesday morning, March 26, the Aruba Chamber of Commerce (KvK) hosted a seminar featuring five speakers with well researched, viable plans regarding the issue of San Nicolas and the now defunct refinery. A part of island life since 1925, the presence of the refinery impacted many aspects of Aruban life. An enormous influx of immigrants from the region and the world, brought cultural influences and diversification to the small population, along with jobs and prosperity. Technology, such as the desalination plant, advanced at an accelerated rate to meet the needs of a ballooning population.

When Valero shut down the refinery in March of 2012, a number of employees were kept on, in the hope it would be sold and re-started, but all hope of that was abandoned. 90% of the remaining employees were laid off, with only a few kept on to continue the use of the port area as a transshipment station.

THE MORNING NEWS has already published articles regarding the first two speakers during the March 26 program, KvK President of the Board, Jamal Mahawat Khan, and Daniel Brete, captain of one of the tugs that brought the supertankers into the San Nicolas terminal. They shared

their viable plans for the port and other aspects of the refinery, which occupies a very large piece of land on Aruba's eastern end, and which they felt could be a vital part of the Aruban economy. KvK Director Leo Maduro and seminar moderator Ryan Maduro also shared their thoughts on the issue of the refinery, and how its future and the future of the island, is an issue for all Arubans to consider and act upon, not just leave to the government to solve.

Following their presentations were Patrick Newton of KPMG, Vernon Huerta of Ernst & Young and Michael-Leo van Romondt of Deloitte.

Here is the essence of their presentations.

### Patrick Newton, "Building Business Value in a Changing World:"

Mr. Newton first examined the global economy and changes to the business environment. "The world has undergone massive changes since the first Rio Earth Summit in 1992," he informed the audience, "the human footprint on earth is growing and unsustainable. Decoupling human from resource use and environmental decline is our central challenge, which will also be one of the greatest sources of future business success." He ex-



**Patrick Newton of KPMG**

plained the key social and economic elements affecting a nation's stability are: globalization, digital connectivity (or lack thereof), accelerated consumption, disparate prosperity, resource scarcity and ecological decline, the last typified by the fact that 80% of the world's fish stocks have been exhausted, which directly impacts food supply of growing populations.

He cited 10 "megafactors," which are a result of a complex system with unpredictable outcomes, will affect the world over the next 20 years. Leaders are urged to recognize these forces and create strategies to manage risk and develop opportunities. Terms used to discuss the developing situations are described by the colors, brown and blue, and the results could be either a "Green World" or "Red World."

We have been living in a Brown World of industrial growth, which consumes resources and damages the environment. The Blue World is one of transformation, where revolutionary transition, innovation to create technology that allows us to live in harmony with the natural world, resilience, and social justice will eventually result in the desired Green World of regulation and reform, resource substitution, efficiency, conservation and protection.

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## Aruba's Department of Culture celebrates the creative spirit on World Theater Day



Siegfried Dumfries

For nine years, Aruba's Department of Culture, (DCA) has conducted a special event of the World Theater Day, or in Papiamento, Dia Di Teatro. Director of the DCA, Siegfried Dumfries expressed their gratitude to all those dedicated individuals who strive continually to keep the interest in culture and the theatrical arts alive among the island population, and particularly, to stimulate Aruban youth to

continue the traditions of great theater.

The program conducted on the eve of Good Friday, was particularly aimed at island youth interested in the performing arts. Host Jubi Naar, a well-known local playwright and actor, was the MC for the evening. He read the Message of World Theater Day 2012 from famed Italian satirist, playwright and 1997 Nobel Prize Winner for Literature,



Mirto Lacle, Siegfried Dumfries and Juby Naar

Dario Fo. His message: "A long time ago, Power resolved the intolerance against Commedia dell'Arte actors by chasing them out of the country.

Today, actors and theatre companies have difficulties finding public stages, theatres and spectators, all because of the crisis.

Rulers are, therefore, no longer concerned with problems of control over those who express themselves with irony and sarcasm, since there is no place for actors, nor is there a public to address.

On the contrary, during the Renaissance, in Italy those in power had to make a significant effort in order to hold the Commedianti at bay, since these enjoyed a large audience.

It is known that the great exodus of Commedia dell'Arte players happened in the century of the counter-Reformation, which decreed the dismantling of all theatre spaces, especially in Rome, where they were accused of offending the holy city. In 1697, Pope Innocent XII, under the pressure of insistent requests from the more conservative side of the bourgeoisie and of the major exponents of the clergy, ordered the demolition of Tordinona Theatre which, according to the moralists, had staged the greatest number of obscene displays.

Thus the only solution to the crisis lies in the hope that a great expulsion is organized against us and especially against young people who wish to learn the art of theatre: a new diaspora of Commedianti, of theatre makers, who would, from such an imposition, doubtlessly draw unimaginable benefits for the sake of a new representation."

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The Netherlands is preparing for the biggest event in its royal calendar this year. With Crown Prince Willem-Alexander's inauguration just a month away, commemorative memorabilia honouring the occasion has now been released to the public. From scarves to iPad covers, mouse mats to mugs, fans of Queen Beatrix, Princess Maxima and her husband and king-to-be, Willem-Alexander, will be able to keep a souvenir of the momentous occasion.

## Europe Meets the Americas . .

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Michael Leo van Romondt

Reviewing statistics on practices that measure how Aruba is doing business, such as wage taxes, Turnover Tax (BBO) import of goods, export revenue, container transport and employment figures, the Minister acknowledged the detrimental impact of the closing of the Valero Refinery in 2012 on these factors. New businesses showed a large increase in 2012, and tourism receipts have grown steadily since Spring of 2010, after taking a hit in 2009, as did the entire region.

Aruba's current administration believes the contacts and networking accomplished at the Europe Meets Americas Conference could result in new industries on Aruba as product distributors, as well as cultural and legal translators. Companies will need sales representatives, individuals and companies that could expedite processing and logistics, as well as provide support and professional services.

Speakers for the conference will include Minister Hooyboer-Winklaar and Aruba's Prime Minister Mike Eman, representing the local point of view. Guest keynote speakers are Former Prime Minister and Minister of General Affairs for the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Jan Peter Balkenende, and President of the Carbon War Room Jose Maria Figueres, who is a former president of Costa Rica. Other speakers over the three-day conference will be President of MKB Netherlands, Hans Biesheuvel, Director General for External Economic Relations of The Netherlands, Simon Smits, Head of KPMG Sustainability Practice, Bernd Hendriksen and from Studio Roosegarde, founder Dan Roosegarde, a widely recognized designer and innovator.

The conference is being organized by the Aruba Investment Association, ARINA, which reports they have at present 70 companies from over 11 nations, registered. ARINA offices are located next to the main bus terminal in Oranjestad. Visit the ARINA office for full details on sche-

## Macroeconomic Drivers

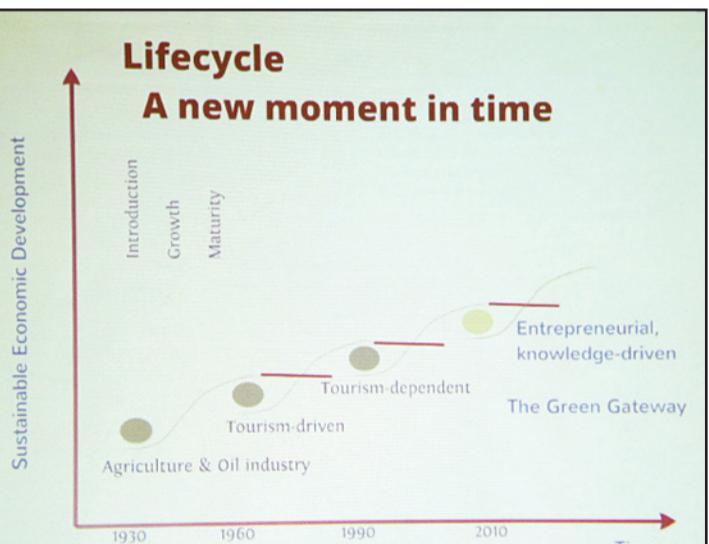


Aruba's economic drivers by scale of importance

## Macro-Economic Performance 2012

Total gross value added at basic prices in percentage change	2012
Agriculture, hunting, forestry, fishing, mining and quarrying	4.5%
Manufacturing	3.0%
Electricity, gas and water supply, manufacture of refined petroleum product	-45.8%
Construction	-12.5%
Wholesale and retail trade, repair of motor vehicle and household goods	3.6%
Hotels	3.9%
Restaurants	3.2%
Transport, storage and communication	4.0%
Financial Intermediation	3.8%
Real Estate	4.1%
Other business activities	4.2%
Public administration, compulsory security and education	7.2%
Health and social work	6.0%
Other community, social and personal activities	2.9%

Details of economic impact on various island industries



A new direction for Aruba's economy

## Economic Outlook 2013

Real GDP	5.1%
Inflation	-2.0%
Private Consumption	0.9%
Public Consumption	0.7%
<b>Private Investment</b>	<b>11.3%</b>
<b>Public Investment</b>	<b>21.2%</b>
Export goods and services	4.7%
Import goods and services	2.8%

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Rosalie Klein

## The creative spirit on World Theater Day

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The evening included the awarding of Aruba's National Theater Prize for 2012. Mirtho Lacle, was recognized for his organization of the Compa Nanzi Master program, at Cas di Cultura. It was an examination of the evolution of the famed Compa Nanzi stories throughout the Dutch Kingdom, and the screening of a special documentary dedicated to the subject. Mr.

Lacle was joined by a group of young actors in reading a poem written especially for the occasion by Frank Croes of the DCA.

The evening finished with an effervescent, improvisational program by aspiring young Aruban performers, lead by Jhon Freddy Montoya of the DCA.

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## Dutch Prime Minister to visit Aruba

Last Wednesday, Aruba Prime Minister Mike Eman and Minister of Finance, Communication, Energy and Utilities, Mike de Meza spoke to Dutch Minister of Internal and Dutch Kingdom Relations, Ronald Plasterk regarding, among others, the upcoming Conference of the Kingdom. Aruba will be host for this conference between the governments of Aruba, Curacao, St. Maarten and Holland. The conference is scheduled to take place during the second week of June. Prime Minister Eman is to lead the conference as President.

This conference is a continuation of the first Conference of the Dutch Kingdom held in December of 2011 in The Hague. The Dutch delegation will be led by Minister Plasterk. Plasterk has also confirmed that Dutch Prime Minister Rutte will visit Aruba and the other islands with a commercial delegation from July 13 to the 20th. Future



King Willem-Alexander and Queen Maxima will also be visiting the Dutch Caribbean from the 12th to the 24th of November. These are all good news for Aruba.

Dutch businesses in Holland are very enthusiastic about the upcoming 'Europe Meets the Americas' to be held here from the 5th to the 8th of May. The 'Nederlands Centrum voor Handelsbevordering (NCH)' - Dutch center for trade promotion - has made a selection of Dutch businesses

to participate in the conference.

Prime Minister Eman has informed Minister Plasterk about the preparations being made to include into law to never again allow a budget deficit. The current deficit has been reduced to 3% for the year 2014, which according to the government is the international norm. The government is convinced that by 2016/2017 the Aruba budget

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## US visa day sparks new debate on tech workers

WASHINGTON (AFP) - As the US government opened up visa applications yesterday for highly skilled immigrants, debate flared anew on the tech sector's demands to be able to hire more foreign workers.

The US tech sector has long complained of a shortage of workers with specialized skills, but the debate is further complicated this year by fresh attention to a broader immigration law aimed at bringing millions of undocumented migrants out of the shadows.

In what has become an annual rite for the tech sector, the US government opened applications for 65,000 spots for highly skilled workers under the so-called H-1B visa program.

US Citizenship and Immigration Services said it expects to receive more requests than available visas by April 5, and if so will set up a lottery.

"It will be a frenzy, because the cap of 65,000 visas is

nowhere near high enough to meet demand," said Robert Holleyman, head of BSA/The Software Alliance.

"If you didn't know better, you might think the H-1B petition-filing frenzy had something to do with April Fool's Day. But it's no joke."

Microsoft general counsel Brad Smith said the squeeze has led to "increased anxiety" at many companies since the visas for the next fiscal year are likely to be filled in the first week.

Smith said in a blog post that the situation highlights a shortage in "STEM talent" -- people with degrees in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

The American economy creates 120,000 new computer-related jobs annually that require a bachelor's degree, but we are currently producing about 51,000 graduates with a degree in computer science

each year," he said.

"We have first-hand experience with the challenges. Currently, Microsoft has 3,400 high-paying, high-skilled job openings in core technology areas that we cannot fill."

But sentiment on the issue is far from universal. Some critics claim the visa program tamps down US wages, while others say the system is abused by companies that outsource jobs to countries like India.

According to the Institute of Electrical & Electronics Engineers, the top 10 users of H-1B visas in the past fiscal year were companies specializing in shipping American jobs offshore.

Vin O'Neill, a spokesman for the IEEE-USA, said there is a long history of companies using the H-1B visas for short-term jobs, only to later transfer those functions elsewhere, often to India's booming tech sector.

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### Mandela spends time with family, 'no significant change'



GETTY IMAGES

JOHANNESBURG (AFP) - Nelson Mandela visited with family members yesterday at his hospital bedside, the South African government said, adding that there was no significant change in the condition of the frail anti-apartheid hero.

The 94-year-old former president and Nobel peace laureate has been in hospital since late Wednesday being treated for a recurrent bout of pneumonia.

"He spent part of Family Day today with some members of his family," the presidency said in a statement in its first update on Mandela's health yesterday.

"There is no significant

change in his condition" since the previous presidency statement late Sunday said doctors had reported "a further improvement in his condition".

Doctors last week drained excess fluid that had built up on the lining of the anti-apartheid icon's lungs because of infection.

The procedure, described as the tapping of a pleural effusion, has helped him breathe without difficulty, it said.

South Africa's revered first black president was admitted to an undisclosed hospital shortly before midnight Wednesday for his third hospitalisation in four months. It remains unclear how long he may stay.

### Official: US sends destroyer off Korea coast

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The United States has positioned near North Korea a destroyer capable of shooting down missiles in the latest military move amid a showdown with the communist state, an official said yesterday.

The USS Fitzgerald, which had sailed to South Korea as part of recent exercises, has been sent off the southwestern coast of the Korean peninsula instead of returning to its home port in Japan.

The official, speaking to AFP on condition of anonymity, said that the shifting of the USS Fitzgerald was "a prudent move" meant to offer

"greater missile defense options should that become necessary."

North Korea has threatened missile attacks against the United States. The official said that the United States had earlier reduced its presence near Korean waters after the North launched a long-range rocket in December.

The December launch, which put into orbit a small satellite, set off the latest escalation cycle with North Korea. Pyongyang in February tested a nuclear bomb and has declared itself to be at a state of war with US-allied South Korea.

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WASHINGTON (AFP) - The White House said Monday that despite days of bellicose rhetoric, North Korea had yet to back up its threats with mass troop mobilizations or troop movements.

With tensions on the Korean peninsula rising ever higher, Washington reiterated that it took Pyongyang's war talk seriously but also noted that threats and warnings were nothing new from the isolated state.

"Despite the harsh rhetoric we're hearing from Pyongyang, we are not seeing changes to the North Korean military posture, such as large-scale mobilizations and positioning of forces," White House spokesman Jay Carney said.

"We haven't seen action to back up the rhetoric," Carney said, adding, "what that disconnect between the rhetoric and actions means, I'll leave to the analysts to judge."

Washington has warned North Korea that it will take robust efforts to defend its allies in Asia and repeatedly tells Pyongyang to stand down its nuclear program and that its "unproductive" rhetoric is self-defeating.



MADRID (AFP) - A motorist and a truck driver died Monday when a bridge collapsed in central Spain following torrential rains, regional officials said. The month of March saw record rain across Spain, causing many rivers to swell, especially in south and central regions. A travel advisory Monday warned of flooding affecting nearly all of Spain's river basins. (picture shows the swollen Duero river in Tordesillas, province of Valladolid)

**Death penalty sought in US cinema shooting**

CENTENNIAL (AFP) - Prosecutors will seek the death penalty against the man accused of killing 12 people in a crowded US cinema last year, they said Monday, as the judge delayed the trial until next year.

The case against alleged shooter James Holmes will probably take years to reach a resolution, Judge William Sylvester said, as some in the Colorado court showed frustration at the likely length of the legal proceedings.

Twenty-five year-old Holmes last week offered to plead guilty in return for escaping the death penalty and accepting a life jail term, in what his lawyers said could have ended the case immedi-

**Pope urges faithful translate Easter sacraments into daily life**

VATICAN CITY (AFP) - Pope Francis urged the faithful to translate the sacraments they received during Easter Sunday into their daily lives as he addressed tens of thousands the day after the holiest day in the Christian calendar.

Speaking from a window in the pontifical palace the new pope urged the faithful crowded into St. Peter's Square "to express in life the sacraments that we have received."

"It's our daily engagement, but also our daily joy, the joy of feeling the instrument of Christ's grace." The sacraments of the eucharist and baptism "should become life and thus translate into attitudes, behaviour, gestures and choices" he said to a warm response from the crowd that gathered in crisp temperatures to see the new pope. The pontiff was speaking during the traditional Regina Coeli prayer following his first Easter Sunday as leader of the world's 1.2 billion Catholics.

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But District Attorney George Brauchler announced he was seeking a death sentence after asking victims' relatives what they wanted. His office had heard from 800 survivors, victims and relatives, he said.

The trial had been tentatively set for August. But Sylvester postponed it until February 3, 2014 -- and removed himself from the case, citing his workload as chief justice in Colorado's 18th judicial district.

Holmes is accused over the July 20 massacre at a midnight screening of the Batman movie "The Dark Knight Rises" in Aurora, outside Denver -- a crime that revived America's long-running debate about gun control.

Witnesses said Holmes threw smoke bomb-type devices before opening fire randomly with weapons, including an AR-15 military-style rifle, a 12-gauge shotgun and a .40-caliber pistol.

After Brauchler announced he will seek the death penalty, some people in an overspill room used for victims' rela-



tives showed clear disappointment at the length of time the case will now likely take.

Holmes himself showed no emotion. His parents Robert and Arlene were in court, and at one point she had her face in her hands, while her husband rubbed her back.

When Holmes first appeared in court last year, he had bright orange hair and looked befuddled. He has since let his hair color grow out, and sported curly brown hair and a beard last month.

During three days of pre-trial hearings in January, prosecutors presented evidence that Holmes had planned the attack well in advance.

Court pleadings last month indicated that Holmes was hospitalized in mid-November under a psychiatric watch by Arapahoe County Sheriff's deputies who were concerned he could hurt himself.



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## Easter Bunny spotted at La Vista in the Marriott Resort



The Noonan family shares Easter with folks back home



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--A very busy bunny made its way around Aruba this past Easter Sunday, stopping at several places to reward good children with chocolate eggs and a friendly hug. The bunny particularly lingered at the La

Vista restaurant in the Marriott Aruba Resort & Stellaris Casino, unable to resist the fabulous holiday buffet for which the eatery is famous.

Along with scores of holiday celebrants it lined up a the

pastry and omelet stations, or got a heaping helping from the carving station that was also cooking up fresh Belgian waffles. Super smoothies of fresh fruit were just what Easter rabbit favors for refreshment along with all the other tempting trifles lining the burgeoning buffet.

The Easter Bunny paused between courses to visit with excited youngsters, providing great pix for Donna Noonan, who has been spending Easter on Aruba for years, to instantly share with the folks back home. Sons Matthew and Sean think its great to boast to all their friends about who they met in Aruba this vacation; modern technology making holiday traditions even better!

Though the Beckerman/Berman family of Baltimore have only made it a three-year tradition to spend Easter on Aruba, but they were won over after their very first visit. All the family enjoyed the tranquil La Vista terrace and the spectacular ocean view while sharing the holiday with kids, Dylan and Kylie, and introducing "Poppy" and "Grammy" to the island for the first time. "We always went to Jamaica every year," admits the grandparents, " and this is



The Beckerman Berman Family choose Aruba every year



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## Sea turtle season has started



-- Two weeks ago the first Leatherback Sea Turtle of this nesting season 2013 came ashore in front of La Quinta Beach Resort. By now she has come back to make a second nest. Turtugaruba (the local Foundation for the protection of the sea turtles) placed the red-and-white barriers around the nest to prevent irresponsible drivers from crushing the eggs and to guarantee a save incubation period of two months.

The Leatherback Sea Turtles nesting on Aruba don't live in the Caribbean, but in the Northern part of the Atlantic Ocean, off the coast of Nova Scotia, Canada.

But they are born on Aruba's beaches. After 20 – 30 years they reach maturity and then return to their natal beach

in order to nest during the turtle nesting season (March – July). Normally one female makes about 7 nests per season. After laying her last nest the female returns to the cold waters of the Atlantic Ocean. She will not come back to Aruba the next year, but will skip one or two years.

All species of sea turtles are endangered and need our protection.

What you can do to protect sea turtles:

- Lights out for sea turtles. Nighttime activities and artificial lighting may deter adult females from nesting. So PLEASE keep all lights off, including flashlights, flash photography and video equipment. "Sea turtles dig the dark"

- Do not drive on beaches.

Not all of the turtle nests on all the beaches around Aruba are marked. Vehicles (4x4, quads) compact the sand and can crush the eggs.

- Do not litter. Do not leave any plastic cups or bags on the beach. The wind will blow it into the sea. A floating plastic bag is easily mistaken for a jellyfish, the Leatherback Sea Turtle's favorite food.

- Remove obstacles from the beach. Obstacles as beach furniture or recreational equipment may cause nesting females to abort their nesting attempt or may even trap them. So don't leave any beach chairs at night unattended close to the sea, but make a stack as far as possible away from the water.

- Do not disturb a nesting sea turtle. Do not attempt to touch the turtle but stay at a respectful distance (at least 10 meters). Do allow the turtle to complete the full nesting process (about two hours) and don't be in her way when she returns to the sea.

- **Do call Turtugaruba (24 hour Turtle Hotline: 5929393).** If, during a late evening or early morning stroll on the beach you witness a sea turtle, or if you see turtle crawl marks, please call Turtugaruba or notify the frontdesk of your hotel. Thanks!

## 'Facebook phone' may ring true April 4

SAN FRANCISCO (AFP) - Facebook fueled fresh talk Friday about its own mobile phone after the leading social network scheduled a press announcement for this week.

Shortly after the Facebook invitation went out for the April 4 event, the technology news site TechCrunch reported the announcement would be a modified version of the Google Android operating sys-

tem with "deep native Facebook functionality."

Another report on "9 to 5 Google" said Facebook designing the software for the new smartphone, which would be made by Taiwan's HTC.

Facebook's invitation said only "Come See Our New Home On Android."

The reports, if accurate, could explain the long speculation about a "Facebook

phone" to help the social network better monetize its mobile platform by featuring Facebook prominently on the phone.

Facebook has long held firm it has no intention of building its own smartphone, saying instead it would rather weave access to the social network into software running the gamut of handsets.

News of the April 4 event at social network's main campus in the Silicon Valley city of Menlo Park came as the research firm IDC released a Facebook-backed study showing that smartphones have become people's close friends in the US.

A weeklong IDC survey of more than 7,000 people ranging in age from 18 to 44 years old with iPhones or Android-powered smartphones showed that four out of five check their handsets within 15 minutes of waking.

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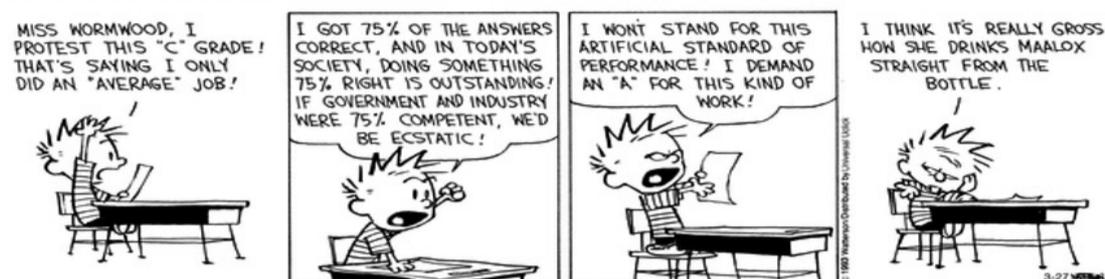
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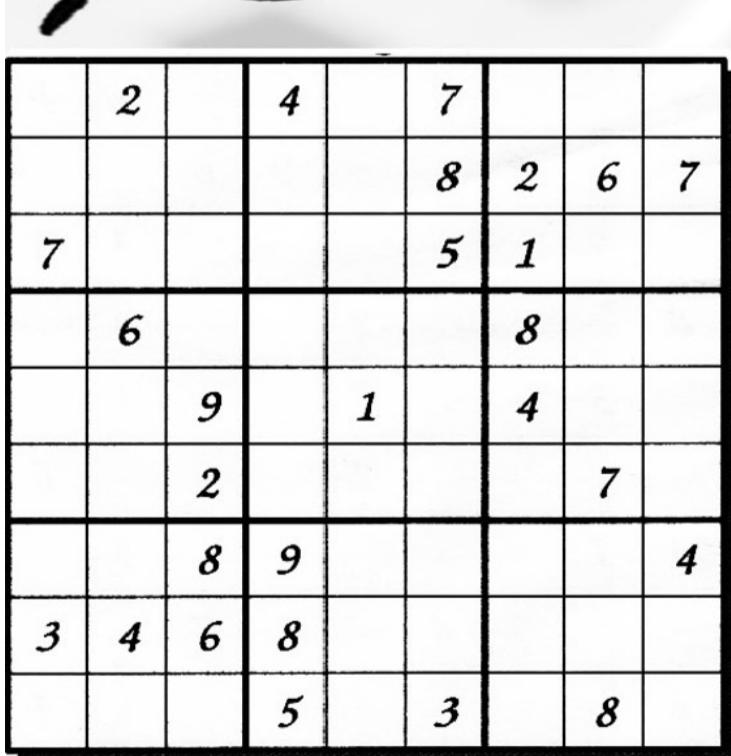
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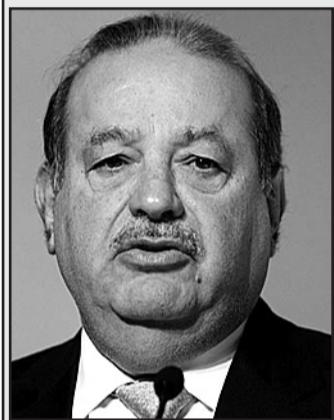
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## Finance

### Mexico hits Carlos Slim's phone firm with lawsuit

**Carlos Slim**

MEXICO CITY (AFP) - Mexico's consumer protection agency has filed a class-action lawsuit against the Telmex phone company of billionaire tycoon Carlos Slim for charging its customers for services that should be free.

The Federal Prosecutor's Office for the Consumer (Profeco) said in a statement that Telmex, which dominates the country's fixed-line market, was unduly charging people for a privacy service, a phone directory and information on incoming and outgoing calls.

Profeco said the services must remain free as a constitutional right. The legal action allows any Telmex user to join the lawsuit against the phone giant, which controls 80 percent of the market.

A Telmex spokesman said the company had no immediate comment on the case.

President Enrique Pena Nieto has proposed a telecommunications reform bill aimed at encouraging competition and preventing monopolistic practices in the phone and television markets. The Senate is debating the legislation, which passed the lower house of Congress.

Slim dominates the fixed-line and mobile phone businesses while two TV channels, Televisa and Azteca, control almost the entire television market.

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Continuing in the mode of the Brown World will bring the 10 megaforces into play, resulting in the Red World of breakdown, conflict, corruption and crisis.

"The global sustainability megaforces result in both risks and opportunities. Businesses can design effective strategies to address the risks while simultaneously taking advantage of the opportunities." Specifically, with energy and resource efficient operations. "The opportunity of Aruba lies in and collaboration to address the impact of megaforces and upcoming changes in the way the world produces and consumes, by becoming the gateway between Europe and Latin America, focusing on new business related to sustainability," concluded Mr. Newton. "But we must close the chapter of the refinery industry first, enabling us to focus relentlessly on a new economic pillar for Aruba. We have a vision, let's make it

**Vernon Huerta of Ernst and Young**

happen. It is time to move on."

Mr. Victor Huerta addressed "Positioning Aruba as an Economic Gateway Between Latin America and the European Union," an ambition of the current government, which is taking steps and making alliance to bring this about. He did a brief internal and external macro and SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats) analysis.

He cited Aruba's opportunities as technology, financial intermediation and business services, tourism and infra-

**Aruba as a hub for Europe and the Americas**

structure, which are very favorable, particularly in comparison over other islands and countries in the region. "The term "Green Zone Aruba" is used as the umbrella under which the four identified opportunities will be developed and will, as such, serve as the engine behind the different concepts."

Technological opportunities focus on consultancy and project/process management in infrastructure, water and clean technology. He brought forward the idea of Aruba being a pioneer of the first, and unique "Green World Trade Center," built and maintained with green technology, centralizing elements from start-up to consumption, and eventual export of green technology expertise and industry. It would be part of a "Green Zone," which would also house a green lab and testing park, possibly a Green Exhibition Hall and Convention Center, as well.

Other ideas included a Freezone in San Nicolas on the former refinery real estate. As applies to tourism, the possibility of a Bill Marriott Institute was raised. It would be a top-flight, hands-on training center and operating resort, much like the original Bushiri Beach Hotel, but of a decidedly higher star classification, attracting students from all over the region and the world.

Mr. Huerta's talk envisioned San Nicolas and the refinery terrain becoming a Green Business Support Center and Green Park, part of a

at the financial and legal practicalities of establishing such enterprises. At present, he noted, development in Aruba is mainly tourism-related, and focused on the western portion of the island. He agrees with the assessment that San Nicolas and the refinery area has enormous possibilities, and diversification of Aruba's economy is vital, but what is required to facilitate development? Special incentives to attract developers to the eastern side of the island should be established to revitalize it.

The areas needing attention would be in regard to taxes, permits, control, security and maintenance, marketing, and information services. Mr. van Romondt calculates that any viable investment would be at a minimum of 200,000 Arubian florins, and more likely extending to around 600,000 Arubian florins. He suggested special incentives of lower profit taxes within the "zone," as well as exemptions from dividend and land taxes, along discounts on payroll taxes, determined by the amount of jobs created.

He urged the audience to view San Nicolas as a "new catalyst for Aruba's future," capable of hosting specialized green industries, tourist venues, and harbor traffic on the largest scale. However, without attractive financial incentives, and the process of expediting work permits made speedier and more efficient, it will be difficult to get developers to commit to such investments and projects.

**Rosalie Klein****Michael Leo van Romondt**

projects around the entire region. He also entertained the idea of a Green Stock Exchange on the site.

Being a partner of Deloitte Financial Services, it is not surprising that Mr. Michael Leo van Romondt, would look



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## 5 Burgers Aruba: Now your best breakfast bargain!



A favorite stop for a great burger for lunch or dinner has just expanded their hours and menu to offer some of the best breakfast bargains to be found in Palm Beach. Owners Aaron and Rosie Walisever are living their dream: a home on paradise while welcoming all and sundry to their proud undertaking, 5 Burgers Aruba. The couple's fanatical dedication to giving their customers what they really want has resulted in a unique menu from an inter-

nationally known franchise with a "5", which now includes breakfast.

"You never get a second chance to make a first impression," believes Aaron. Upon entering 5 Burgers Aruba in The Village Mall in Palm Beach, one is struck by utterly spotless surroundings and a smiling, friendly, attentive service crew. Of course, the main item on the menu is burgers-the way they were meant to be, thick and juicy,

made fresh daily and 100% pure beef, the kind that made the hamburger a traditional American treat.

However, beginning at 7 a.m., patrons can now order 2 eggs any style, (omelets with 3 fillings are \$7.99) toast and coffee with unlimited refills for the special introductory price of only \$4.49, (\$5.48 with bacon) or All-you-can-eat pancakes, for \$6.99, again, with free refills on fresh coffee. Breakfast is served until 11 a.m. Famous for their fries made from fresh potatoes, Aaron has been working for months on devising the most irresistible home fries recipe, chunky and tender with skins still on; after much testing and tasting, he got the thumbs up from his harshest critic, Rosie; so this is another treat you have to try.

A glance at their burger menu will certainly tempt you to return for lunch or dinner, to sample their famous specialty items such as the Gouda, Farmer's or Man Burger (al-



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5 Burger portions are ENORMOUS! Aaron suggests that even their small serving of fries is enough to be shared by

two. He was very amused to watch a famous French chef demonstrating the best way to make fried potatoes on a gourmet cooking show and could only comment "He stole my recipe!"

Try them the English way with vinegar, and you'll wonder how you ever ate fries without it. This same 5-star chef also swears by Gouda as the best topping for the ideal gourmet cheeseburger.

5 Burgers is now open early until 10-ish at night; delivery is available to both the high-rise and low-rise hotel and beach district at now extra cost for orders over \$50. Enjoy a great lunch without ever leaving the beach by calling 586-3904. However, we suggest you stop by and enjoy their authentic, heartfelt hospitality; it is not unusual for either owner to sit and chat, sharing their knowledge of the island while making sure patrons are happy with their meal.

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## 'G.I. Joe' commands box office lead with \$41.2 mn



LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Long-delayed sequel "G.I. Joe: Retaliation" led the North American box office in its debut weekend, earning \$41.2 million, industry estimates showed Sunday.

The action film about a fantasy elite military unit starring Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson, Channing Tatum and Bruce Willis is based on toy action figures first introduced in the 1960s, and later turned into an animated TV series in the 1980s.

Paramount had postponed the sequel to 2009's "G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra" from its original June release in order to add 3D effects.

Stone-age cartoon "The Croods," DreamWorks Animation's latest family crowd

pleaser voiced by Nicolas Cage and Emma Stone, dropped to second spot.

The feel-good film, about a prehistoric family battling with fire and other new inventions, took \$26.5 million on its second weekend in theaters, according to box office tracker Exhibitor Relations.

New release "Tyler Perry's Temptation," starring Jurnee Smollett-Bell, Lance Gross and Kim Kardashian, landed in the Number Three spot with \$22.3 million.

With \$14 million in box office receipts, the fourth spot went to action thriller "Olympus Has Fallen," a tale of terrorism in the US capital and a kidnapped president starring Gerard Butler and Morgan Freeman.

In fifth was Walt Disney's 3D fantasy adventure flick "Oz the Great and Powerful," which earned \$11.6 million in its fourth week in theaters.

"The Host," a new action-adventure film adapted from the novel by "Twilight" author Stephenie Meyer, made its entry in theaters by taking sixth spot with \$11 million.

Seventh place went to "The Call," a thriller starring Halle Berry as a 911 operator trying to rescue a young girl who has been abducted. It earned \$4.8 million in its second week, for fourth spot.

## Island artist Waldy Simson creates portrait of Betico Croes



--Aruban artist Waldy Simson has always been inspired by the sacrifice and accomplishments of Gilberto (Betico) François Croes, considered Aruba's "Liberator" by many.

A picture of G.F. Croes, published in the Arubian newspaper Diario, prompted Simson to create a series of different sketches with the ultimate aim of using dif-

ferent kinds and colors of papers for a unique portrait of "Betico."

At a certain moment during his preparations for the final work, Simson had to call for assistance from Hubert (Huby) Naar, an authority on Aruban culture. To attain a clearer image of "Betico," Huby sent Simson to his colleague Aureen Werleman - Croes who together with her colleague

Miguel Garcia, really helped Simson with some excellent material.

It enabled Simson to complete his portrait of Betico Croes in incorporating cuttings of black, white, blue, red and yellow colored paper. All the colors, except black, used by are colors one can find in the flag of Aruba. The portrait measures 29 x 21 cm and will be exhibited for the first time during an exhibition by Simson at the UNOCA center in Oranjestad. The showing will be from Monday, April 8th until Thursday May 2nd. The exhibition is aimed at raising funds to allow for Simson to participate in the coming Caribbean Festival for the Arts, Carifesta 2013, in Suriname.

Waldy Simson wishes to dedicate the portrait of Betico Croes to all the people of Aruba but in particular to the family of Betico Croes, Huby Naar, Aureen Werleman - Croes and Miguel Garcia.



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## Sport

### Golf: Stenson, Jacobson, Sterne, Points join Masters field

AUGUSTA (AFP) - Swedes Henrik Stenson and Fredrik Jacobson and South Africa's Richard Sterne received official invitations to next week's Masters golf tournament on Monday.

The players qualified for the year's first major championship at Augusta National Golf Club by being among the top 50 in this week's world rankings.

American D.A. Points booked his second trip to the Masters with a victory on Sun-

day at the PGA Houston Open. Stenson rose from 53rd to 42nd by sharing second at Houston. Jacobson is ranked 47th this week, two spots ahead of Sterne.

One last berth remains available to those not already in the field, but it will go to the winner of this week's PGA Texas Open, provided that winner has not already qualified.

American Bubba Watson will defend his Masters crown when the world's top players gather next week at the famed layout.

### NBA: Spurs lose Ginobili for remainder of regular season

SAN ANTONIO (AFP) - Manu Ginobili is not expected to be healthy enough to play for the San Antonio Spurs until at least the start of the NBA playoffs because of a strained right hamstring, the team said Monday.

Doctors expect the 35-year-old Argentine guard to miss between three and four weeks with the injury, suffered in the first quarter of a victory Friday over the Los Angeles Clippers.

Even at his fastest expected healing rate, that would only put Ginobili back on the eve of the NBA playoffs.

Ginobili is averaging 11.9 points, 4.6 assists, and 3.4 rebounds in 59 appearances for the Spurs this season.

The Spurs only saw French guard Tony Parker return to the club a week before Ginobili was hurt. Parker had suffered a sprained left ankle on March 1.

## Alex Rodriguez says recovery going well



NEW YORK -- Alex Rodriguez said he'll be back with the New York Yankees, playing. He's not concerned that

Major League Baseball might suspend him for his involvement with the Biogenesis clinic.

A-Rod was among the many players reportedly linked to the alleged PED-peddling clinic in Florida.

The New York Yankees third baseman spoke before Monday's opener against Boston, his first public comments since the Jan. 16 operation on his left hip. His surgeon said A-Rod should be able to return to the Yankees around the All-Star break, and Rodriguez says that was the same schedule he's heard.

The 37-year-old has been rehabbing in New York from offseason hip surgery. He never joined his teammates this spring in Tampa, Fla.



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## Football: Fulham hold on to leave QPR in trouble

LONDON (AFP) - Queens Park Rangers spurned another chance to improve their chances of survival in the Premier League after a gripping 3-2 loss at Fulham on Monday left them seven points from safety with seven games to play.

Fulham exploited generous defending from their west London rivals to establish a 3-0 lead inside 41 minutes at Craven Cottage through a Dimitar Berbatov double and a Clint Hill own goal.

Adel Taarabt pulled one back in the first half and Loic Remy added a second, moments after seeing a penalty



Queens Park Rangers' English striker Bobby Zamora (L) attempts an over-head kick on goal as Fulham's English midfielder Steve Sidwell (R) defends

saved, before Fulham lost Steve Sidwell to a red card for a late foul on Armand Traore.

QPR could not find an equaliser, however, and remain second from bottom in the table ahead of a crucial game at home to fourth-bottom Wigan Athletic on Sunday.

QPR's pressing need for

goals was evident in Redknapp's decision to hand erratic Moroccan playmaker Taarabt his first league start since February 23.

Fulham were unchanged from the team that won 1-0 at Tottenham Hotspur in their last outing and although they quickly hit their stride, they

were abetted by some appalling defending from the visitors.

Christopher Samba gifted Fulham an eighth-minute penalty by upending Ashkan Dejagah and Berbatov tucked away the spot-kick with customary sang-froid.

It was the fourth consecutive league game in which the Bulgarian had scored, and in the 22nd minute he added a second.

Again, Samba was at fault, dawdling in possession and allowing Berbatov to nip in and prod the ball beneath the exposed Julio Cesar.

Cesar had to prevent Jose Bosingwa putting through his own goal in the 35th minute after an exquisite touch and cross from Berbatov, but Hill did not have such a fortunate escape six minutes later.

Brede Hangeland found fellow Norwegian John Arne Riise with a cute back-heal and the left-back's drilled cross flicked off the QPR centre-back and beat Cesar to put the hosts 3-0 up.

It had been an abject first half for QPR, but Taarabt gave them hope on the stroke of half-time when he found the bottom-left corner from 20 yards after Giorgos Karagou-

nis gave the ball away.

Taarabt then won a penalty in the 49th minute, only for Mark Schwarzer to brilliantly save Remy's effort, but the Frenchman redeemed himself two minutes later.

Collecting a pass from former Marseille colleague Stephane Mbia, he span away from Philippe Senderos and then slammed home a shot off the underside of the crossbar.

Referee Lee Probert brandished a straight red card after Sidwell lunged in on Traore in the 79th minute, but Martin Jol's side held on for a win that left them nine points clear of the bottom three in 10th place.

### MLB Monday Matches:

\*Red Sox 8-  
YANKEES 2  
\*WASHINGTON 2  
- Miami 0  
\*ChicagoCubs  
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\*MILWAUKEE 5-  
Colorado 4  
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## You're welcome to join the "Free Pass Work Out!"

-- Instituto Biba Saludabel y Activo (IBisa) has issued a bulletin informing the public about their next activities in the "Free Pass Work Out" program. This is an opportunity along with different organizations or clubs to participate in physical activity on a specific day in the week. The primary objective of these activities is to get people moving and active in order to develop a healthy lifestyle.

The next activity on the IBiSA program takes place at "Cuts & Curves Gym" on April 10. From 5:00 am to 9:00 pm this gym will provide the public the opportunity to make use of their facilities completely Gratis. This way you will be introduced to the place and to all that it has to offer to practice your favorite sport.

On the 24th of April, the next "Free Pass Work Out" will be at EPB Hato. At EPB Hato, Zumba instructor Niurca de Cuba will give the general public free Zumba lessons. The time for this exercise is from 7:00 to 8:00 in the evening and everyone is welcome.

On the 19th of May, the "Free Pass Work Out" will be at the "Extreme Training Club" in Oranjestad above Ladies Choice. Time will be announced later.

On the 22nd of May they will return to the "Cuts & Curves Gym", but this time in Paradera, from 5:00 in the morning to 9:00 in the evening.

IBiSA is motivating the Aruban community to take advantage of these opportunities. Use these opportunities to become acquainted with the different training facilities and with the various sports they offer.

## Boxing: Indian star took heroin 12 times - police

NEW DELHI (AFP) - Indian Olympic bronze-medallist boxer Vijender Singh took heroin 12 times, according to police who are investigating his links to an alleged dealer in a \$24 million drug haul last month.

Police in the northwestern state of Punjab said investigations showed that Vijender, who won a bronze at the 2008 Beijing Olympics, and fellow boxer Ram Singh procured the drug from the alleged dealer between December and February.

"Vijender Singh consumed

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the drug about 12 times and Ram Singh about five times," Punjab police said in a statement Sunday. "However, they did not actively connive with the smugglers in their activities and nothing was recovered from them -- as such, both of them are not being arrested in the case at this stage."

Police said Vijender, himself a police officer in the neighbouring state of Haryana, had declined to provide hair and blood samples for testing last month.

Vijender, 27, who became a

household name in India after winning the Olympic medal, has strongly denied any link to the drug dealer and has slammed as "ridiculous" the allegations against him.

The high-profile sportsman has not been seen in public for the past few weeks and has not issued any statement on the latest police allegations.

Police seized 26 kilograms (57 pounds) of heroin with a street value of 1.3 billion rupees (\$24 million) in March in Punjab. The alleged dealer was arrested along with five others.

Vijender was linked to the haul after a car belonging to his wife was found outside the residence of the alleged dealer near Chandigarh.

The federal sports ministry on Monday ordered the National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) to carry out immediate tests on Vijender for the reported use of heroin.

The ministry said in a statement that reports of a "sporting icon" like Vijender consuming heroin were "disturbing and may have a debilitating influence on other sportspersons in

the country".

Officials from NADA had earlier said Vijender was unlikely to be penalised since any drug use was done out-of-competition.

Vijender failed to win a medal at the London Olympics last year after he was defeated in the quarter-finals.

There have been a number of major drug seizures in Punjab in recent years. A Punjab university study in 2011 suggested that up to 70 percent of the state's youth were addicted to drugs or alcohol.